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Assignment of house-sites to Harijans and persons belonging to backward classes in Tanjore district.

* 866 *Q.*—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Harijans and persons belonging to backward classes in Tanjore district applied for the assignment of house-sites during the last three years and how many applications have been disposed of ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal for the appointment of a Special Officer in Tanjore district to expedite the acquisition of house-sites?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The number of Harijans and agricultural labourers in Tanjore district who applied for house sites during the last three years are as follows :—

Year.	Number of Harijans and other applicants.
1951–52	13,350
1952–53	7,152
1953–54	1,160

All the applications except 36 applications relating to 1953–54 have been disposed of.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" ஆதி திராவிடர்களுக்கு இந்த மனைக்கட்டு ஒதுக்கும் விஷயத்தில் சர்க்கார் ஏன் இவ்வளவு காலதாமதம் செய்கிறார்கள் என்பதைக் கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There is no considerable delay, Sir."

Malayalam journal " Thaniniram."

* 867 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations or complaints about the publication and circulation of the journal called " Thaniniram " in Malayalam language ;

(*b*) the steps, if any, taken by the Government to stop circulation of this journal ; and

(*c*) whether any action was taken against this journal to stop its publication in Kozhikode and Tellicherry?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) Yes, Sir. As the periodical is a Malayalam monthly printed and published in Trivandrum, this Government addressed the Government of Travancore-Cochin in the matter. That Government have initiated an action under the Press

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(Objectionable Matter) Act, 1951, against this periodical and the same is pending in the Sessions Court, Trivandrum. This Government are awaiting the disposal of the judicial enquiry referred to above. The matter is therefore *sub judice*."

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the matter is *sub judice*, I do not think that any supplementaries can be allowed on the answer to this question."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Without referring to it. I will put a supplementary question, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection. Let me see the question."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" தனிநிரம்" என்ற பத்திரிகை எது சம்பந்தமாக விரோதமான விஷயங்களைப் பிரசுரித்தது ? அந்த விஷயங்கள் என்ன என்றுவது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it is alleged that it has published obscene matters."

Drainage schemes for Velur, Salem district.

* 868 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minster for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of any resolution passed by the Panchayat Board, Velur, Salem district, to give special priority to the drainage schemes ; and

(*b*) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Expenditure incurred on the Lower Bhavani and Malampuzha Projects.

* 869 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the total amount up to 31st March 1953 spent for the construction of the Lower Bhavani Project and the Malampuzha Project?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Lower Bhavani Project—Rs. 947 lakhs.

Malampuzha Project—Rs. 249 lakhs."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the construction of Lower Bhavani Project has been completed."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is getting completed."